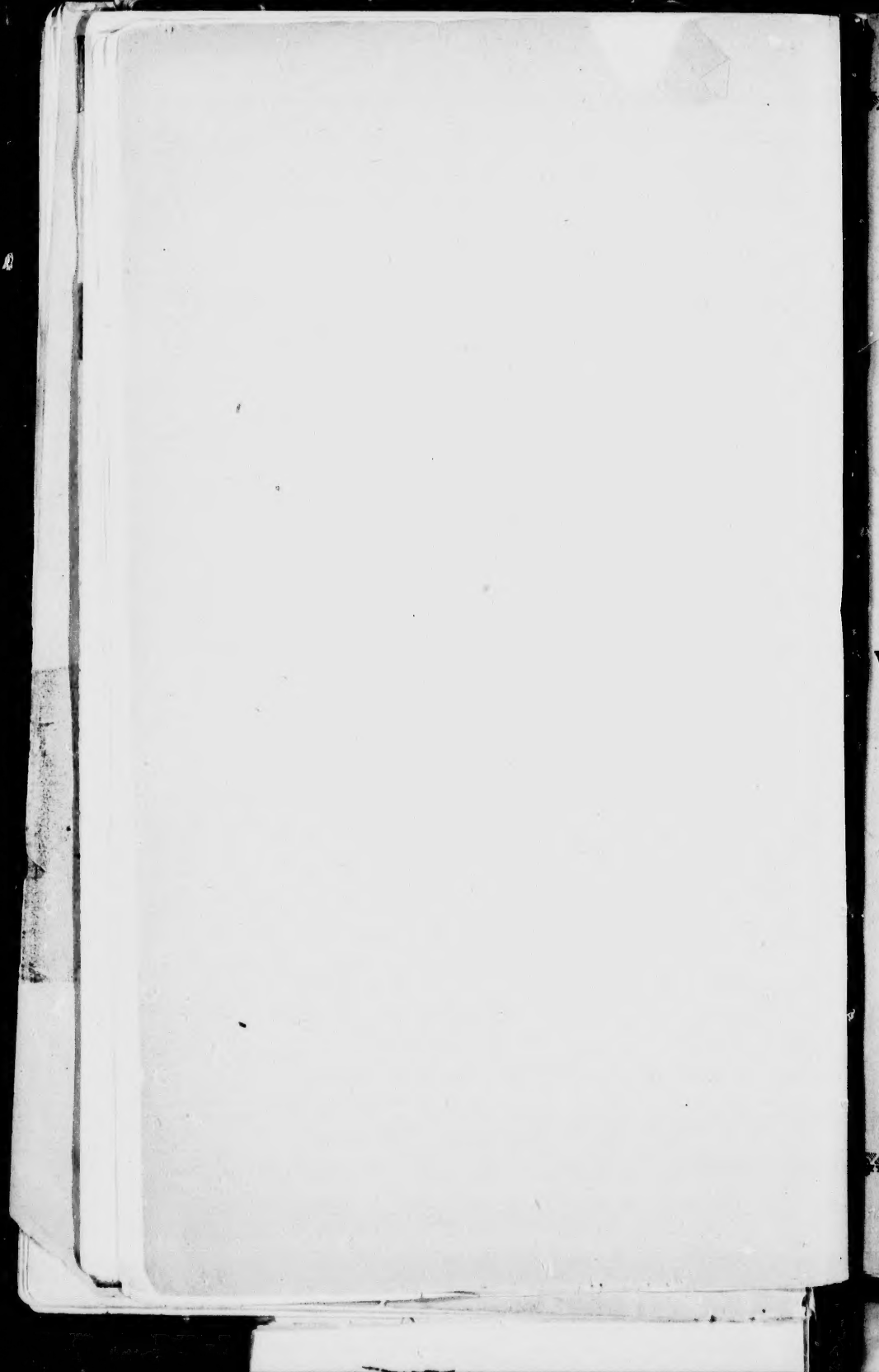




ANNUAL REPORT
OF
R. P. RITHET,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
For the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

VICTORIA, B. C.:
JAMES A. COHEN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, GOVERNMENT STREET.
1886.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF
R. P. RITHET,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA,

For the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

JAMES A. COHEN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, GOVERNMENT STREET.
1886.

ANNUAL REPORT
NAMES OF
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

For the Year 1885.

MAYOR:

R. P. Rithet.

COUNCILLORS:

W. D. McKillican.

W. A. Robertson.

A. J. Smith.

Thomas Earle.

John Teague.

John Braden.

John Grant.

Robt. Ward.

Orlando Warner.

COUNCIL

85.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

R. P. R I T H E T,

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, B. C.

RS:

CITY HALL, VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 31, 1885.

To the Ratepayers of Victoria City.

GENTLEMEN,—It affords me much pleasure to place before you a report upon the affairs of the City for the year just closed.

I am especially gratified to be in a position to state that the advancement of the City has been more marked than during any previous year in its history, and the many substantial buildings which have been erected during the year afford unmistakable evidence of the great confidence which is generally felt in its future. Yet, however gratifying this may be in itself, it should nevertheless be the aim and duty of the citizens, through the Municipal Council, to continue to do their part by improving and maintaining the streets in good order; providing or encouraging whatever public facilities may be called for, and making such changes in the pub-

lic works and institutions under their control as may be found necessary, in order that the investment of capital in permanent and substantial improvements; in the establishment of manufactories and industries of all kinds may not only be continued but induced. To accomplish this it may at any time be found necessary to expend more money than the annual revenue will admit of, and I can see no good reason why the welfare of the city should be allowed to suffer rather than incur a reasonable debt upon the credit of the City, when required for necessary public improvements; the interest and sinking fund to be provided for out of the yearly revenue in the usual way.

FINANCES OF THE CITY.

The liabilities have been increased by two loans repayable in twenty years; one for \$16,000 for the improvement and extension of the electric light; the other for \$5,000 for a scheme for the drainage of city. To meet the interest and sinking funds on these loans \$2,042 of the general revenue of the City have to be set apart yearly. The interest is fixed by the By-laws at 6 per cent. per annum. The debentures were sold by tenders and realized a premium of ($1\frac{1}{2}$) one and a half per cent. which is very significant of the high opinion held of the credit of the City by those having money to loan.

To meet the interest and sinking fund on all loans on City debentures the annual amount to be set apart from the general revenue is as follows, viz.:

Electric Light, \$16,000 loan, 1885.....	\$1,556 00
City Drainage scheme \$5000, 1885....	486 00
Water Works, \$100,000, 1874.....	8,835 00
Water Works, \$50,000, 1875.....	5,250 00
Water Works, \$20,000, 1877.....	2,012 00
Corporation, \$20,000, 1877.....	2,012 00

\$20,151 00

The total liabilities of the City for loans, after deducting sinking fund on hand, are \$150,780.

The principal items of increase in the ordinary revenue over last year, are:

Real Estate Assessment Tax.....	\$20,865 15
Water Works Revenue Account....	6,000 00
Trade Licenses.....	2,205 00
	\$29,070 15

And the principal items of increase in the ordinary expenditure, in excess of last year's, are:

Streets.....	\$13,957 00
Sidewalks.....	7,265 00
Police Force.....	2,941 00
Ross Bay Cemetery.....	1,800 00
	\$25,963 00

The detailed statement of the Treasurer, giving full details of both, is attached to this report, and I beg reference to further information.

The expenditure for the year has been kept very nearly within the revenue, after taking into account the various outstanding liabilities from the previous year paid out of this year's revenue; and the amount paid out of the revenue for the electric light plant, etc., for the future benefit of the city, has largely increased the available assets of the corporation.

STREETS.

The enormous increase in the traffic upon the streets throughout the city has greatly increased the cost of maintaining them in good repair; and although the Council realized the necessity of keeping them in good order, as well

as for providing improvements where necessary, they have found themselves so surrounded with demands from all sections, that they were quite unable (even with the increased revenue at their disposal) to do all that was required in order to place the streets of the city in such condition as could be wished for. A by-law to borrow \$25,000 upon city debentures, for the improvement of the streets, was therefore prepared and submitted to the ratepayers, but it was defeated. It then became the duty of the council to do the best that was possible with the revenue at their disposal, and, after due consideration, it was decided to proceed with what repairs and improvements were called for most urgently, and to do what work was undertaken in a permanent manner with macadam, so that it would not again require attention, until all the principal streets throughout the city (by a continuance of such a policy) could be put in similar condition.

The rock crusher and steam drill have been kept at work almost continuously during the year, and have been found both efficient and economical in removing rock from the streets, and providing macadam for their improvement. As compared with hard labor for rock work, the saving in using the steam drill and crusher in blasting, crushing and spreading rocks combined, may be fairly estimated at one-half the cost of the former method.

WATER WORKS.

During the year the water supply at the dam has been ample for all purposes, and although the summer was an unusually dry one, the reduction in the quantity of water in the lakes from the highest point reached during the winter to the lowest point touched during the summer was only two feet seven and a half inches below the top of the dam.

Early in the year the usual cry of "short supply" from the higher levels of the city was raised, and a By-law to bor-

they have
from all sec-
increased
ired in order
as could be
city debent-
erefore pre-
as defeated.
best that was
d, after due
what repairs
ly, and to do
er with mac-
ion, until all
ontinuance of

kept at work
e been found
ock from the
rovement. As
ving in using
g and spread-
t one-half the

dam has been
her was an un-
of water in the
the winter to
was only two
the dam.

supply" from
By-law to bor-

row \$70,000 for the purpose of constructing a reservoir and providing a supply for the higher levels was submitted to the ratepayers and defeated. In my opinion a reservoir, such as was proposed, is the most economical and efficient way of furnishing the city with an abundant and continuous water supply; and I trust that the next Municipal Council will again take the matter up and carry it to a successful issue. If considered necessary to enable the ratepayers to form a more correct idea of the outlay required, further estimates of the cost might be desirable, giving in detail the cost of all labors and material required. This is a most important matter, not only in the interest of residents in the higher levels, but in the interest of the whole city as a protection against fire.

Full particulars of the new pipes laid during the year will be found in the Report of the Water Works Engineer hereto annexed. The want of the pipes necessary has prevented the Council laying them in many localities where they have been applied for and are urgently needed. During the coming year there will be more pipes at the disposal of the Council, 125 tons having been contracted for at the low price of \$35.25 per ton, to be delivered by 1st July, 1886. This quantity should be sufficient to meet all immediate requirements.

CITY LIGHTING.

This subject was taken up by the Council soon after taking office, and after much debate and careful consideration it was decided to purchase the Electric Plant, etc., in terms of the agreement dated 27th June, 1883, which gave the Council the power. The light furnished being considered insufficient, the question of increasing it was taken up and a By-law authorizing a loan of \$16,000 for this purpose was submitted to the ratepayers and carried. All arrangements have now been made for the additional electric apparatus, machinery, etc., necessary, which should be in position and in

running order early in April. The cost of this, according to the detailed estimate of the committee, will be \$12,667.65, and the light to be furnished will, in my opinion, be ample for the present necessities of the city. But if more light should be required, the motive power now arranged for is sufficient for a much larger lighting capacity, which can be produced for the outlay only of what may be necessary to furnish any additional electric plant required. The total capacity of the increased light is 132,000 candle power. The original plant was capable of furnishing only 52,000 candle power. The terms upon which the new plant have been secured are very favorable compared with the cost of the original plant.

ASSESSMENT ROLL REVISION.

This question which has been prominently before the ratepayers for some years past was considered by previous Councils; recommended by my predecessors who held office during 1883 and 1884; and felt by a large majority of the citizens to be a necessity in the interest of the city; but being both a difficult and disagreeable duty, it was left to the present Council to undertake; and I congratulate you upon having had a Council, who, not only realized the necessity and pledged themselves to it, but who have been competent and independent enough to carry it through in such a fair and impartial manner as to satisfy a large majority of the ratepayers.

The appeals taken against the Revised Roll were few and insignificant, and only a very small proportion of them was allowed, which fact, taken in conjunction with the unusual promptness in the payment of the increased tax clearly indicates that I am justified in what I have stated regarding the feeling of the ratepayers on this question.

CITY DRAINAGE.

In accordance with their pledges the Council have given this matter (which at no distant date may become the most important with which the ratepayers have yet had to deal) has received much attention at the hands of the Council and special committee appointed to make arrangements for the best scheme for this purpose, and of thirty-five (35) proposals received, that of Messrs. Pickering & Crompton of Whitehaven, England, to proceed in accordance with the following extract from their proposals, viz. :

"Our method of procedure would be for our senior partner, Mr. Pickering, to visit the city, examine carefully the peculiarities of the surroundings, examine the local materials and prices of work, &c., make such surveys as are necessary and whilst there get out a general design, and lay it out on the maps, and to have it submitted to the Council and approved, afterwards proceed home to England, and get out all working drawings, specifications and bills of quantities and estimates ready for letting the work, and transmit them to the Council.

"We would undertake the foregoing service for the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds sterling to include all expenses."

Has been accepted, and an agreement under the seal of the Corporation was forwarded to them for signature on the 24th December. The arrangement made is the most favorable which was proposed and in unmistakable language agrees to furnish what is required without committing the ratepayers to any liability beyond the £650 stipulated for. I have every confidence that the selection is the best that could have been made.

In the meantime and while this important matter is in process of accomplishment, it will be necessary to make such

temporary provision for placing the city in the best sanitary condition possible within the means of the Corporation. To this end, the Council during the year have placed wooden gutters in many localities where most needed throughout the city, which have been found to answer well ; and by systematically flushing all the gutters, much of the outcry, so general in the early part of the year, about the filthy condition of the gutters, bad smells, &c., has ceased. There are still many localities where stringent and prompt measures in the interest of the sanitary condition of the city are called for and I have no doubt they will receive (as they should do) the early attention of our successors.

In this connection the necessity of a sanitary officer having power to serve notice for the removal of nuisances without having to wait the instructions of the Municipal Council has been much felt. A By-law with this special object in view, among other things, was laid before the Council by the Sanitary Committee but held over until the city barrister had completed the consolidation of the existing By-laws upon this subject, and I hope it will be taken up and dealt with at an early date by the incoming Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Delegates under the Volunteer Fire Department, having represented that the department could not be maintained longer upon that basis, and having submitted resolutions to that effect from the different companies, the fire wardens submitted a By-law and scheme for the establishment of a paid department in accordance with the Municipality Acts, 1881 and 1883. An election for chief and assistant engineer was accordingly held on the 14th Dec., which resulted in C. J. Phillips being elected chief, and T. Deasy assistant engineer. The Council appointed all the other officers and the new paid department will assume its duties on the 1st of January, 1886, fully equipped ready for service. In carry-

best sanitary
poration. To
placed wooden
throughout the
d by systema-
tery, so gen-
hy condition
ere are still
asures in the
re called for
should do)

ry officer hav-
isances with-
cipal Council
ial object in
ouncil by the
barrister had
y-laws upon
dealt with at

eer Fire De-
nt could not
ng submitted
panies, the
r the estab-
th the Muni-
ef and assist-
ec., which re-
T. Deasy as-
ther officers
es on the 1st
ce. In carry-

ing out the new scheme some changes may be found necessary, but it seems to be the opinion both of the Board of Delegates and the chief and assistant engineer that the new department will work efficiently.

The Board of Delegates have given the committee of the Council who had this in charge much assistance and advice, and I take this opportunity of tendering them the best thanks of the Council for same.

The recommendations of the committee (which have been printed) regarding the future appointments of chief and assistant engineers should receive the early attention of the new Council, as having an important bearing upon this question as an institution under the immediate control of the Corporation.

FIRE LIMITS EXTENSION.

On the 8th of April, by resolution of the Council, these were extended and are now as follows, viz.: Commencing at N. W. corner of lot 127; thence easterly to Store street, across Store to the centre of Fisguard street, along centre of Fisguard street to centre of Douglas street; thence southerly along the centre of Douglas street to Courtenay street; thence along the centre of Courtenay street to N. E. corner of lot 8; thence along northern boundary of lot 8 to Victoria Harbor; thence along the shore line of the Harbor to the point of commencement.

ROSS BAY CEMETERY.

During the year ~~\$100~~ ^{\$1100} has been expended in the erection of a windmill pump and pipes for the raising and distribution of water throughout the grounds. The arrangement was a very necessary one, and has been found to be a great convenience. A large number of shade trees have also been planted.

CITY POUND.

The inconvenience of having this in such a central part of the city has been represented at different times to the Council, and a recommendation was made by the committee to remove it to Spring Ridge, the cost of which was estimated at \$1000. Nothing further, however, was done, but it appears to be only a question of a short time before the matter will have to be taken up again and some action taken; as more room will be required for the electric light plant (which occupies the same lot) and the space now allowed being barely sufficient for the purposes of the pound, it follows that it will be too small if reduced.

Amendment
~~ASSESSMENT~~ TO MUNICIPALITY: ACTS.

During the last session of the Legislature upon representations made by this Council the Acts was amended so as to give the Councillors for each of the three wards of the city receiving the highest number of votes at the election in January, 1886, and following years two years' term of office, and changing the voting qualifications of road tax payers to householders who have paid road tax and who have resided in the city and paid a yearly rental of \$60 for six months previous to the election.

Both changes are in my opinion in the interest of the good government of the city, and I am sure will be found to work advantageously.

CONSOLIDATION OF BY-LAWS.

This forced itself upon the attention of the Council early in the year as a necessity on account of the many By-laws existing upon the same subjects, some of which, if not altogether conflicting, were found to be very confusing and difficult of application in many cases. The city barrister was therefore instructed to proceed with the consolidation of the

whole of the By-laws, and I understand the work is now well in hand and will be completed early next year.

POLICE.

The increased area of the city and its population rendered it necessary during the early part of the year to employ some temporary assistance on the force, but as the necessity continued, it was considered advisable to increase the permanent force, which was done by the appointment of four additional constables, part of whose special duty it is to take the beat on the outskirts of the city at night.

The report of the Superintendent is attached hereto and furnishes full details in connection with this department.

BEACON HILL PARK.

The condition of this attractive resort should receive more attention. Not only should the drive around the Hill be kept in good order, but the roads leading thereto; and it would add greatly to the attractions of the city if a good road were made round the entire Park. The Government, if applied to, would no doubt give some assistance in this matter.

NEW STREETS.

During the year several new streets have been conveyed to the Corporation for municipal purposes, and the Council have persistently, and in my opinion most properly, refused to make any expenditure on streets until conveyed by deed to the Corporation as the best precaution that could be made in the interest of the city under existing circumstances.

It has, however, been my opinion for some time (since I have had the opportunity of judging from experience in office) that some different arrangement should be adopted in future. As a rule large holders of land, either in the city or its neighborhood, are induced to lay it out into town lots for

sale, not in the interest of the city or the citizens individually, but for their own benefit. In doing this, streets are laid out which are impassible, and lots are sold at a handsome profit generally to the seller. No sooner do a few of the purchasers occupy the lots than a demand is made upon the Corporation for grading the streets, laying sidewalks, &c., at considerable expense, and the city has then to bear the expense of providing the means of approach before deriving any corresponding benefit from the property.

I would, therefore, suggest that all streets running through property so divided in future should be cleared and graded at the cost and expense of the owners of the property before being accepted by the corporation, and that no municipal funds should be expended until the streets have been inspected and accepted by the city surveyor as being in such condition as to meet the reasonable requirements of any residents likely to be attracted to the locality. This (and I wish it to be distinctly understood) is not to burden the purchasers of the lots, but to throw the expense upon the parties deriving the benefit from the subdivision of the property.

REPRESENTATIONS.

have been made during the year for the transfer of the following reserves to the city for municipal purposes, viz:

James Bay Flats,
Mount Douglas Reserve,
Bastion Street Square;

and the City Barrister has been instructed to publish a notice of application for a private Bill, asking the Legislature, at its next session, for a transfer of the latter property, upon such conditions as may be arranged.

BY-LAWS.

The following have been passed during the year:

Amendment Officers' Remuneration By-Law.
 Fire-Limits and Wooden Building By-Law.
 Building Removal Amendment By-Law.
 Water Works Regulation By-Law.
 Assessment Roll By-Law.
 Revenue Amendment By-Law.
 Animals' Protection By-Law.
 Bank Credit By-Law.
 Public Lighting By-Law.
 Drainage By-Law.
 Retail Liquor Licenses Regulations By-Law.
 Fire Department By-Law.
 Municipal Election By-Law.

HEALTH OF THE CITY.

Two cases of small pox developed in the city during the year, but by the prompt and effective measures which were taken, the disease was prevented from spreading.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS.

Attached to this are the following, viz:

Treasurer's Account and Statement.

Report of City Surveyor.

do. do. Engineer.

do. do. Water Works Engineer.

do. do. Superintendent of Police.

do. do. Secretary Ross Bay Cemetery.

do. do. Health Officer,

which furnish in detail all information concerning the respective departments from which they are made.

The zeal of the members of the Municipal Council in the interest of the city has been untiring and disinterested; and the

which has

harmony pervaded their ~~which has~~ debates and deliberations has rendered the duties of my office comparatively easy and always pleasant to discharge. It, therefore, gives me great pleasure to record my gratitude to them for the great respect and consideration shown me during the term; and also for the kindness with which any suggestions I have thought it necessary to make have been received.

To the officers of the corporation I wish also to tender my sincere thanks for the interest taken in their respective duties and for the readiness they have always shown to comply with all requests from the Council and myself.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. RITHET,

Mayor.

es and delibera-
mparatively easy
efore, gives me
m for the great
g the term; and
gestions I have
ived.

h also to tender
n their respective
ys shown to com-
myself.

RITHET,

Mayor.

A P P E N D I X.

CORPORATION OF

*Balance Sheet,***ASSETS.**

Municipal Taxes.....	\$15,716 94
Water Works Sinking Fund. \$100,000 loan.....	26,290 00
do. do. \$50,000 loan.....	18,086 00
do. do. \$20,000 loan.....	8,298 00
Corporation Debentures Sinking Fund.....	5,150 71
Electric Light Plant.....	12,518 00
Corporation Horses and Wagons.....	1,241 50
Town Lot No. 1249.....	2,419 00
do. do. 1250.....	2,600 00
Spring Ridge Property.....	8,473 88
Pound Property.....	924 87
Street Gas Lamps.....	669 80
Office Furniture.....	2,312 57
Road Roller and Rock Crusher.....	6,057 42
Drainage.....	1,040 25
City Hall.....	16,876 47
Steam Engine.....	1,000 00
Corporate Seal.....	568 80
Public Fountain.....	729 05
Scow.....	200 00
Steam Drills.....	1,384 20
Cash on hand.....	239 23
	\$122,744 64

ORATION OF

alance Sheet,

VICTORIA.

31st December, 1885.

LIABILITIES.

.....	\$15,716 94
.....	26,290 00
.....	18,086 00
.....	8,296 00
.....	5,150 71
.....	12,518 00
.....	1,241 50
.....	2,419 00
.....	2,600 00
.....	8,478 88
.....	924 87
.....	669 80
.....	2,312 57
.....	6,057 42
.....	1,040 25
.....	16,876 47
.....	1,000 00
.....	568 80
.....	729 05
.....	200 00
.....	1,884 20
.....	239 23

\$122,744 64

Corporation Summary.....	\$61,019 13
Revenue Account	15,716 94
Provincial Government.....	729 26
Bank of B. N. A.....	1,129 44
Ross Bay Cemetery	1,169 38
Corporation Debenture Account.....	20,000 00
Drainage Debenture Account.....	5,000 00
Electric Light Debenture Account.....	16,000 00
Cemetery Property.....	1,980 49

\$122,744 64

VICTORIA, B. C., 6th January, 1886.

THOS. RUSSELL, Accountant.

J. W. GRIFFITHS, Auditor.

CORPORATION
Cash Statement for the

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand 1st January, 1885	\$690 70
Bank B. N. A., Fire Account	93 44
Water Works, Rents	86,891 06
" " Lumber sold	30 00
Fire Insurance, Direct Tax	4,350 00
Real Estate Tax	52,888 45
Trade's License	15,602 50
Wholesale Liquor Licenses	1,225 00
Retail	12,825 00
Road Tax	1,842 00
Police Court Fines and Fees	2,839 00
Ross Bay Cemetery Fees	2,304 00
City Pound Fees	503 25
Weighing Machine Fees	208 00
Dog Tax	43 84
Street Repairs, Rock Sold	262 00
City Police, Refund Burial Expenses	3 75
Surveying Expenses, Street Lines	60 00
Sidewalks, Old Lumber Sold	50
General Interest, Premium on Debentures	815 00
Corporate Seal Fees	12 00
Jas. E. McMillen, Refund	182 50
Drainage Debenture	5,000 00
Electric Light Debentures	16,000 00

\$153,616 98

CORPORATION
ment for the

.....	\$690 70
.....	93 44
.....	86,891 05
.....	30 00
.....	4,850 00
.....	52,888 45
.....	15,602 50
.....	1,225 00
.....	12,825 00
.....	1,842 00
.....	2,839 00
.....	2,304 00
.....	508 25
.....	208 00
.....	43 84
.....	262 00
.....	3 75
.....	60 00
.....	50
.....	315 00
.....	12 00
.....	182 50
.....	5,000 00
.....	16,000 00

\$153,616 98

OF VICTORIA.

Year ending Dec. 31st, 1885.

EXPENDITURES.

Board of Health	\$1,082 00
Provincial Government	854 60
Water Works, General account	13,235 84
do Sinking Fund \$100,000	2,360 00
do do \$50,000	1,750 00
do do \$20,000	412 00
do Interest, \$100,000	6,650 00
do do \$50,000	3,604 75
do do \$20,000	1,600 00
Corporation Debentures, Sinking Fund	819 65
do do Interest	1,295 00
Fire Insurance Direct Tax, Fire Department	\$3,125 00
do do Hydrants, etc	1,012 91
City Police	\$14,754 65
do Donation, Hon. A. F. Pemberton	500 00
Streets and Bridges	15,254 65
Sidewalks	35,654 89
Steam Engine for Rock Drill	10,866 88
Steam Drill	1,000 00
Public Landing	486 80
Road Roller and Rock Crusher, Repairs	460 00
City Hall	798 51
Office Furniture	582 99
Ross Bay Cemetery	321 68
Charges including salaries, Printing, Advertising, Election expenses, &c	2,671 23
Surveying expenses	8,592 94
City Pound	2,321 68
Commission on Collections	774 75
Donations, Charities	369 00
Mrs. Leigh \$150, Regatta \$100,	\$219 98
Governor General Reception Fund	250 00
Beacon Hill Park	469 98
Public Fountain	350 00
General Interest	446 80
Electric Light Plant	729 05
Street Lighting to 31st May, \$2500, to 31st Dec., \$2,678 60	1,408 29
Legal Expenses amount due 31st Dec., 1884	12,518 00
do Amount incurred during 1885	5,178 60
Weighing Machine, Commission and Repairs	2,118 68
Marvin & Tilton, amount due 31st Dec., 1884	83 75
W. Pollard, amount due 31st Dec., 1884	332 91
Bank B. N. A. decrease of balance	1,000 00
Cash on hand	11,089 44
	289 23

\$153,616 98

VICTORIA, B. C., 6th January, 1886.

THOS. RUSSELL, Accountant.
J. W. GRIFFITHS, Auditor.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Revenue for the Year 1885, at 31st December.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Municipal Taxes outstanding.....	\$15,716 94	Provincial Government.....	\$729 26
Liabilities of 1884 paid out of this year's revenue.....	\$1,768 08	Bank of British North America.....	1,129 44
Legal expenses.....	500 00	Drainage Loan.....	5,000 00
A. F. Pemberton.....	2,399 12	Electric Light Machinery and Plant, estimated cost as per report of committee.....	12,667 65
Sidewalks under contract 31st Dec.,.....	4,667 15	Amount unexpended.....	1,096 99
Cash on hand.....	239 25		
	<u>\$20,623 34</u>		<u>\$20,623 34</u>

The following Property has been paid for out of the year's revenue, and is now part of the assets of the Corporation, viz:

The Electric Light Plant.....	\$12,500 00
Steam Drill.....	486 30
Steam Engine for Drill.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$13,986 30</u>

VICTORIA, B. C., 9th January, 1886.

THOS. RUSSELL, Accountant.
J. W. GRIFFITHS, Auditor.

Steam Engine for Drill..... 400 80
1,000 00

\$13,986 80

VICTORIA, B. C., 9th January, 1886.

THOS. RUSSELL, Accountant.
J. W. GRIFFITHS, Auditor.

Statement of Revenue Collected and Disbursed from 1st Jan. to 31st December, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Water Rents.....\$31,531 93
Services Collected.....1,859 12

\$33,391 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Charges—	
Salaries including Printing, etc.....	\$44,376 19
Maintenance.....	1,301 84
	<u>\$45,678 03</u>
Construction—	
Main Pipes Extension.....	4,193 75
Fence and Sundries at Head Works.....	213 09
Right of Way to Goyette.....	50 00
Meters.....	139 55
Main at Snider's Hill.....	908 85
	<u>5,505 24</u>
Service Pipes.....	2,022 57
Corporation of Victoria.....	23,185 21
	<u>\$36,391 05</u>

Interest and Sinking Fund Account,

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 30, 1884—Balance at credit of Account.....	\$41,691 03
Cash received from the Corporation of Victoria between 1st Dec., 1884, and 30th Nov., 1885, to pay interest on all loans..	11,854 75
do do Sinking Fund.....	4,614 44
Interest allowed by Bank B. N. A., on amounts at credit of Sinking Fund.....	1,264 67
	\$59,424 94

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid interest for Coupons presented between 1st Dec., 1884, and 30th Nov. 1885.....	\$11,854 74
Balance.....	47,570 19
	\$59,424 94

24

VICTORIA, B. C., 8th January, 1886.

THOS. RUSSELL, Water Commissioner.

VICTORIA, B. C., 8th January, 1886.

To His Worship the Mayor and Municipal Council.

GENTLEMEN,—The books and vouchers from 1st January to 31st December, 1885, have been examined by me and found correct.

I herewith beg to hand you the Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31st December, 1885. I beg to call your attention to the fact that all the property of the Corporation is entered on the accounts at the actual cash outlay for same, no valuation of it having been required from me.

The actual market value would, in my opinion, be much larger than the value appearing in the accounts. Your obedient servant,

J. W. GRIFFITHS, Auditor.

CITY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF WORK PERFORMED DURING THE YEAR
OF 1885 :

Ward.	Street.	Length,	Nature of Work.	Cost.	Contractor.
John- son St	Rock Bay Av. John Street to Gorge road	940 ft	cleared	\$94.00	James Baker
"	Pembroke St. Chambers St. to Fernwood rd.	1100 ft	cleared, stumped & graded	295.00	P. Gilligan.
"	King's Rd. Douglas St. to Fourth St.	1750 ft	cleared, stumped & graded	600.00	N. Le Clair.
"	Blanchard St. Queen's Av. to Hillside Av.	1780 ft	cleared, stumped & graded	375.00	N. Le Clair.
"	Rock Bay Bridge		replanked	555.25	Thos. Elliott.
"	Finlayson's Brdg	Sundry	repairs	90.00	I. C. Blackett.
"	Putnam Street	54 yds	rock blast- ed out	141.75	John Berryman.
"	Blanchard St.	78 yds	rock blast- ed out	214.50	John Berryman,
"	Cormorant St. from corner of Store St.	180 1/4 ft	new wood- en gutter	43.56	E. Mastin.
"	Government St.	116 ft	do	38.28	E. Mastin.
Yates Street	View St. Vancouver to Blanchard and along Blanch ard to Yates St.		new drain	1,189.00	James Baker.
"	Public Landing.		5 stone buttresses to retain- ing wall, new float- ing stage & landing	460.00	Luney & Wood.

10 HIS WORTHY THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.
GENTLEMEN,—The books and vouchers from 1st January to 31st December, 1885, have been examined by me and found correct.

I herewith beg to hand you the Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash Assets and Liabilities for the year ending 31st December, 1885. I beg to call your attention to the fact that all the property of the Corporation is entered on the accounts at the actual cash outlay for same, no valuation of it having been required from me.

The actual market value would, in my opinion, be much larger than the value appearing in the accounts.
Your obedient servant,

J. W. GRIFFITHS, Auditor.

Ward.	Street.	Length.	Nature of Work.	Cost.	Contractor.
Yates Street	Yates Street	41 yds	rock blast- ed out	\$112.75	James Baker.
"	Yates Street Blanchard St. to Wharf St.	1846 ft	new wood- en gutter	615.00	Berryman & Mastin.
"	Government St. Trounce Alley to Yates St.	200 ft	new wood- en gutter	66.00	E. Mastin.
"	Fort St. between Quardra and Blanchard	313 ft	do	103.29	E. Mastin.
James Bay	Cook St. Belcher St. to Fairfield Rd.	1440 ft	grading	165.00	Wylde & Mo- Leod.
"	Cook St. Belcher St. to Fairfield road.	1440 ft	gravelling	685.00	John Haggarty.
"	Boyd St. Dallas Rd. to Niagara St.	770 ft	stumping & grading	115.00	N. Le Clair.
"	Simcoe St.	144½ yds	rock blast- ed out	354.03	James Baker.
"	Humboldt St.	260 yds	rock blast- ed out	611.00	James Baker.

NEW SIDEWALKS LAID DURING THE YEAR.

JOHNSON STREET WARD.

548 feet.....	3	\$95 28
1,524 "	4	335 28
5,595½ "	6	1,867 90
1,299 "	8	536 60
561 "	10	241 89
96 "	12	48 96
<u>9,623½</u> "		<u>\$3,125 91</u>

Cost.	Contractor.
112.75	James Baker.
315.00	Berryman & Mastin.
66.00	E. Mastin.
103.29	E. Mastin.
65.00	Wylde & McLeod.
85.00	John Haggarty.
15.00	N. Le Clair.
54.03	James Baker.
11.00	James Baker.

G THE YEAR.

... \$95 28
 ... 335 28
 ... 1,867 90
 ... 536 60
 ... 241 89
 ... 48 96
\$3,125 91

YATES STREET WARD.

2,620 feet..... 6 \$789 22

JAMES BAY WARD.

915 feet.....	3	\$165 42
3,875 "	4	852 50
509 "	5	203 60
5,789 "	6	1,821 60
114 "	8	41 04
495 "	10	202 95
204 "	12	104 04
<u>11,905 "</u>		<u>\$3,391 15</u>

SIDEWALKS LAID BY PROPERTY OWNERS, THE LUMBER AND
NAILS BEING SUPPLIED BY THE CORPORATION.

Johnson St. Ward—Caledonia Avenue, 660 ft..	4..	\$83 40
" " Blanchard Street, 240 "	..12..	60 00
" " Johnson Street, 60 "	.. 8..	13 44
		<u>\$156 84</u>

ROCK BROKEN BY HAND.

Johnson Street Ward.....	1,179 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds., @ \$1.00....	\$1,179 75
Yates Street Ward	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds., @ \$1.30....	\$22 75
" "	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 1.00....	17 50
	<u>35 "</u>	<u>\$40 25</u>
James Bay Ward.....	268 yds. @ \$1.30....	\$348 40
" "	262 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 1.00....	262 50
	<u>530$\frac{1}{2}$ "</u>	<u>\$610 90</u>

ROCK TAKEN OUT WITH STEAM DRILL.

Johnson Street Ward—Bay Street.....1118 yds. (solid)
 James Bay " Marvin's Hill.... 1172 " "

ROCK BROKEN BY ROCK CRUSHER.

Johnson Street Ward—Bay Street... 2,394 yds. (macadam).
 James Bay " Humboldt St. 455 " "
 " Marvin's Hill, 2,051 " "

ESTIMATED LENGTHS OF SIDEWALKS RELAID AND REPAIRED BY CITY CARPENTER.

Johnson St. Ward, 1,188 feet, 2 wide
 " " " 142 " 3 "
 " " " 755 " 6 "
 " " " 398 " 8 "
 " " " 1,620 " 10 "

Total..... 4,103 feet; approx. cost \$1,329 25

Yates St. Ward, 200 feet 3 wide
 " " " 603 " 8 "
 " " " 1,555 " 10 "

Total..... 2,358 feet approximate cost \$681 88

James Bay, 250 feet 4 wide
 " " 342 " 5 "
 " " 250 " 6 "
 " " 669 " 8 "
 " " 495 " 10 "
 " " 100 " 12 "

Total.... 2,106 feet approximate cost \$660 20

TEAM DRILL.

...1118 yds. (solid)
 . 1172 " "

CRUSHER.

94 yds. (macadam).
 55 " "
 51 " "

ID AND REPAIRED BY

vide

"

"

"

"

rox. cost \$1,329 25

imate cost \$681 88

ate cost \$660 20

In Johnson Street Ward two bridges were built; one on 2nd street near King's road, at a cost of \$166.71; the other on King's road east of Fourth street, at a cost of \$55.

In James Bay Ward the bridge on St. Lawrence street was rebuilt; it was raised a little over two feet and widened to 24 feet. The cost was \$267.75.

Miscellaneous work on the streets under the superintendence of Mr. Dewsnap, including box drains, cleansing of gutters, streets and bridges, and sundry repairs, *i. e.* graveling and patching with brokes stone.

Expended as above:

In Johnson Street Ward.....	\$3,749 70
In Yates Street Ward.....	3,141 31
In James Bay Ward.....	3,803 93

Quadra street extension through the Work Estate was made passable from Queen's Avenue to Hillside Avenue, by James Baker in accordance with an agreement drawn up by Mr. R. Finlayson, for the sum of \$200.

The route from James Bay Bridge along Belleville street to Oswego, along Oswego to Quebec, along Quebec to Montreal, along Montreal to Kingston, along Kingston to St. Lawrence, along St. Lawrence to Erie, along Erie street to Dallas road and the outer Wharf, has been put in thorough repair.

P. J. LEECH, C. S.

REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER.

City Hall, Jan. 4th, 1886.

To His Worship the Mayor,

In compliance with your request that I should furnish a statement showing the quantity of rock blasted out and crushed for street purposes by steam drill and crusher during the year I have to report as follows:

The whole quantity of rock blasted and crushed into macadam during the year has been 7,400 cubic yards; 3,650 yards in James Bay Ward; 3,750 yards in Johnson Street Ward,

The whole cost of blasting, crushing, carting, spreading, rolling and finishing 7,400 cubic yards on the streets, but not including the blasting of 1,100 cubic yards of macadam rock, which was blasted out by contract, may be detailed as follows:

Labor.....	\$7,795 00
Powder.....	468 00
Coal.....	700 00
Tear and wear and interest on cost of machinery @ 15 per cent	1,200 00
Hire of Wagons and Carts.....	1,488 00
	\$11,651 00

Each cubic yard of macadam finished on the street has cost \$1.57.

ALEX. HENDRY.

NEER.

1, Jan. 4th, 1886.

I should furnish a
 blasted out and
 drill and crusher
 s:

and crushed into
 cubic yards; 3,650
 n Johnson Street

carting, spreading,
 on the streets, but
 yards of macadam
 may be detailed as

....\$7,795 00

..... 468 00

..... 700 00

st of

..... 1,200 00

..... 1,488 00

\$11,651 00

on the street has

. HENDRY.

REPORT OF CITY WATER WORKS ENGINEER.

City Hall Jan. 4th, 1886.

To His Worship the Mayor,

In compliance with your request, I report as follows:

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS DURING THE YEAR.

JAMES BAY WARD.

2,000 feet of 4 inch pipe

400 " " 3 " "

1,800 " " 2½ " "

1,700 " " 2 " "

YATES STREET WARD.

3,000 feet of 5 inch pipe

800 " " 4 " "

JOHNSON STREET WARD.

600 feet of 2 inch pipe

SNYDERS HILL.

630 feet of 12 inch pipe

There have been 187 services connected to the mains during the year, supplying 230 dwellings and tenements. 5,630 feet of ½ inch lead pipe, 400 feet of ¾ galvanized and 1,000 feet of 1 inch coated pipe have been used in connecting the same.

HYDRANTS.

8 new hydrants have been connected to the mains during the year for the use of the Fire Department.

ALEX. HENDRY.

W. W. E.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

To R. P. Rithet, Esq., Mayor of Victoria City.

VICTORIA, Jan. 4th, 1885.

SIR,—In accordance with your request I beg to report that during the year just ended the City Police force under my charge has been strengthened by the addition of four more constables. The force as at present constituted consists of one superintendent, one sergeant, and twelve constables. During the greater part of the year the sergeant has been employed almost exclusively for sanitary work and the senior police officer has been acting in the place. I would most strongly recommend that the sergeant should return to his police work, as it would be of great benefit to that department.

The appointment of three extra constables during the past month has enabled me to extend the beats for night duty over the greater portion of the city. The beats though are still far too large for the officers to keep a thorough watch over them, and some portions of the city are consequently seldom visited at night time.

Considering the great number of idle men who have visited the city since the completion of railroad work on the mainland, and the work of construction in progress on the Island, there have been a great deal less cases before the Police Court than I anticipated, in fact, but a small increase over the number of cases for last year.

During the past month several cases of house-breaking and larceny have been reported to me, and upon investigation I am convinced that the majority of such acts have been

OF POLICE.

ria City.

Jan. 4th, 1885.

I beg to report
Police force under
dition of four more
stituted consists of
twelve constables.
ergeant has been
ry work and the
ne place. I would
t should return to
efit to that depart-

stables during the
eats for night duty
beats though are
a thorough watch
are consequently

le men who have
ilroad work on the
n progress on the
s cases before the
ut a small increase

of house-breaking
d upon investiga-
uch acts have been

committed by Chinese of whom there are a great number now in the city. There can be no doubt that a great number, being destitute and unable to obtain employment, have congregated here, and naturally sooner prefer stealing and a sentence in gaol to starving.

For your further information I have the honor to hand you herewith a statement of number of arrests, offences, fines collected, etc., for the year, 1885.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES P. BLOOMFIELD,
Supt. City Police.

OFFENCES COMMITTED BY OTHERS THAN INDIANS AND CHINESE.

No.	OFFENCE	Convicted in Police Court	Committed for Trial	Discharged.	Total.
1	Assaults	38	4	20	62
2	Attempted Suicide	0	0	1	1
3	Assaulting Police	4	1	0	5
4	Assisting H. M. Seamen to desert	1	0	0	1
5	Arms, unlawful use of	1	0	0	1
6	Arson	0	1	0	1
7	Burglary	0	4	0	4
8	Cemetery, desecration of	0	0	1	1
9	City By-Laws, offences against	47	0	19	66
10	Coin, passing counterfeit	0	1	0	1
11	Cruelty to Animals	5	0	1	6
12	Drunk	268	0	11	279
13	Deserts, H. M. Seamen	14	0	0	14
14	Embezzlement	0	0	1	1
15	Extradition Act	0	1	0	1
16	Forgery	0	2	0	2
17	raud, obtaining money by	0	1	0	1
18	Felony, attempting to commit	2	0	1	3
19	Game, unlawful possession of	1	0	2	3
20	Gunpowder, discharging in the City	0	0	1	1
21	House breaking	0	2	0	2
22	Indian Liquor Act, offences against	40	0	0	40
23	Malicious injuries to property	7	0	3	10
24	Larceny	18	9	23	50
25	Lodgings	0	0	32	32
26	Murder	0	1	1	2
27	Merchant Seamen's Act, offences against	13	0	1	14
28	Militia Act, offences against	3	0	7	10
29	Mind unsound	3	1	8	12
30	Possession of stolen property	0	0	4	4
31	Piracy	0	1	0	1
32	Quarantine Act, offences against	0	0	1	1
33	Robbery from the person	0	6	3	9
34	Rape, attempting to commit	0	1	0	1
35	Steamboat Act, offences against	0	0	1	1
36	Safe keeping	1	0	30	31
37	Threatening language, using	3	0	0	3
38	Vagrants	102	0	29	131
39	Weapons, carrying concealed	3	0	1	4
40	Wages, neglecting to pay	0	0	1	1
TOTAL		574	36	203	813

INDIANS AND CHINESE.

Convicted in Police Court.	Committed for Trial.	Discharged.	Total.
38	4	20	62
0	0	1	1
4	1	0	5
1	0	0	1
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
0	4	0	4
0	0	1	1
47	0	19	66
0	1	0	1
5	0	1	6
268	0	11	279
14	0	0	14
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	2	0	2
0	1	0	1
2	0	1	3
1	0	2	3
0	0	1	1
0	2	0	2
40	0	0	40
7	0	3	10
18	9	23	50
0	0	32	32
0	1	1	2
18	0	1	14
3	0	7	10
8	1	8	12
0	0	4	4
0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	6	3	9
0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1
1	0	30	31
3	0	0	3
102	0	29	131
3	0	1	4
0	0	1	1
574	36	203	813

OFFENCES COMMITTED BY OTHERS THAN INDIANS AND CHINESE.

No.	OFFENCE.	Convicted in Police Court.	Committed for Trial.	Discharged.	Total.
INDIANS					
1	Assaults	3	0	1	4
2	Assaulting Police	2	0	0	2
3	Drunk	156	0	4	160
4	Indian Liquor Act, offences against	39	0	10	49
5	Larceny	4	0	6	10
6	Robbery from the person	0	0	2	2
7	Safe keeping witnesses, &c	0	0	15	15
8	Vagrants	13	0	4	17
Total		217	0	42	259
CHINESE					
1	Assaults	3	1	0	4
2	Assaulting Police	2	0	0	2
3	Arson	0	2	0	2
4	City By Law, offences against	24	0	3	27
5	Chinese Restriction Act, offences against	4	0	0	4
6	Carrying concealed weapons	2	0	0	2
7	Embezzlement	0	3	0	3
8	Felony, attempting to commit	0	0	4	4
9	Forgery	0	2	1	3
10	Fraud, obtaining goods by	0	1	0	1
11	Indian Liquor Act, offences against	11	0	0	11
12	Larceny	30	17	11	58
13	Malicious injury to property	2	0	0	2
14	Murder	0	0	2	2
15	Obtaining money by threat	0	2	1	3
16	Possession of stolen property	1	1	2	4
17	Refusing to obey summons	0	0	1	1
18	Safe keeping	0	0	2	2
19	Threatening to shoot	0	1	0	1
20	Unlawful	2	0	0	2
21	Unsound mind	2	0	0	2
22	Using false scales	1	0	1	2
23	Vagrants	12	0	9	21
Total		96	30	37	163

ABSTRACT OF POLICE RETURNS FOR 1885.

Month.	WHITES.			INDIANS.			CHINESE.			Grand Total.			How Disposed of.					No. of Fines Paid.	Total Amount Paid.
	Convicted in Police Court.	Committed for Trial.	Discharged.	Total.	Convicted in Police Court.	Committed for Trial.	Discharged.	Total.	Convicted in Police Court.	Committed for Trial.	Discharged.	Total.	Arrested.	Summoned.	Total.	Convicted in Police Court.	Committed for Trial.	Discharged.	Total.
January.....	33	0	2	35	14	0	1	15	13	0	0	13	71	12	83	60	2	21	83
February.....	40	0	16	56	26	0	0	26	11	0	0	11	83	13	106	79	0	22	106
March.....	36	0	14	50	11	0	0	11	10	0	0	10	83	13	106	79	0	22	106
April.....	36	1	14	51	18	0	3	21	11	0	0	11	83	13	106	79	0	22	106
May.....	53	4	14	71	13	0	3	16	35	13	0	48	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
June.....	46	2	25	73	26	0	2	28	10	0	0	10	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
July.....	41	3	25	69	26	0	2	28	10	0	0	10	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
August.....	70	1	20	91	14	0	6	20	21	0	0	21	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
September.....	66	10	13	89	7	0	0	7	8	12	0	20	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
October.....	53	3	12	68	33	0	7	40	9	0	0	9	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
November.....	41	5	13	59	27	0	5	32	11	2	0	13	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
December.....	31	0	8	39	20	0	2	22	10	5	6	21	107	13	120	83	2	22	122
Total.....	580	36	137	813	217	0	41	258	97	30	36	163	1036	198	1234	894	66	274	1234
																			\$3756 50

CITY HALL, VICTORIA, 2d January, 1885.

To His Worship the Mayor and Municipal Council.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report for your information the following Statistics of Burials in Ross Bay Cemetery for the year ending 31st December, 1885, viz.:

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Children, still-born.....	12	8	20
“ under 21 months of age.....	21	6	27
“ from 1 year old to 5 years....	7	2	9
“ “ 5 “ “ 10 “	6	2	8
From 10 years old to 15 years.....	2	..	2
“ 15 “ “ 20 “	2	2	4
“ 20 “ “ 40 “	28	14	42
“ 40 “ “ 60 “	54	11	65
“ 60 “ “ 70 “	16	5	21
“ 70 “ “ 80 “	10	3	13
“ 80 “ “ 90 “	2	1	3
“ 90 “ “ 100 “	..	..	..
over 100 years.....	1	..	1
Indians.....	2	6	8
Chinese.....	79	2	81
	242	62	304

The nationalities are as follows :

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
British Columbia.....	42	13	55
England.....	27	11	38
Scotland.....	5	..	5
Ireland.....	14	4	18
Wales.....	4	..	4
Channel Islands.....	3	..	3
Canada.....	16	8	24
United States.....	20	8	28
France.....	2	..	2
Germany.....	2	..	2
Russia.....	1	..	1
Denmark.....	1	..	1
Sweden.....	1	..	1
Norway.....	2	..	2
Switzerland.....	1	..	1
West Indies.....	2	..	2
Australia.....	1	1	2
Sandwich Islands.....	2	..	2
East Indies.....	1	..	1
Unknown.....	3	..	3
Indians.....	2	6	8
Chinese.....	79	2	81
Still-born Children.....	12	8	20
	243	61	304

On referring to last year's report, I find that 235 burials took place in the Cemetery, and the year just closed shows an increase of 69 over last year, 38 of these being Chinese.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JAMES S. ROBINSON,

Secretary Ross Bay Cemetery.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER.

Males. Females. Total.

2	13	55
7	11	38
5	..	5
4	4	18
4	..	4
3	..	3
6	8	24
0	8	28
2	..	2
2	..	2
1	..	1
1	..	1
1	..	1
2	..	2
1	..	1
2	..	2
1	1	2
2	..	2
1	..	1
3	..	3
2	6	8
9	2	81
2	8	20
3	61	304

that 235 burials
st closed shows
being Chinese.

obedient servant,

ON,

ay Cemetery.

VICTORIA, B. C., 31st December, 1885.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit my Report for the year 1885. Two cases of small pox occurred in the city during the month of October; one died and the other recovered. I am happy to state that the disease spread no further, owing, I believe, to the prompt measures taken to suppress the same. Since then I have inspected all passengers arriving from foreign ports.

I take this opportunity to remark the more healthy state of the city during the year, which, I believe, may be further improved by the enforcement of the City Sanitary By-Laws.

I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

WM. JACKSON, M. R. C. S.,

Health Officer.